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SUBJECT: CANADIAN RECOGNITION OF CHILEAN GOVERNMENT

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, EXTAFF CHILE DESK
OFFICER CARRIER SAID CANADA WOULD BE MAKING DECISION
WITH RESPECT TO RECOGNITION OF CHILEAN GOVERNMENT SOMETIME THIS
WEEK. CARRIER NOTED THAT MILITARY GOVERNMENT APPEARS
TO HAVE ESTABLISHED FIRM CONTROL AND THAT IT HAS
PROMISED TO ABIDE BY ITS INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS,
THUS NEW GOVERNMENT HAS MET TWO PRECONDITIONS NORMALLY
SET BY CANADA FOR RECOGNITION. HE NOTED, HOWEVER,
THAT CANADIAN PUBLIC OPINION HAS BEEN OPPOSED TO
PROMPT RECOGNITION.

2. CARRIER SAID THERE ARE CURRENTLY 18 REFUGEES IN
THE CANADIAN EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO. REFUGEES INCLUDE
CANADIANS, BRAZILIANS, CHILEANS, AND URUGUAYANS.
REFUGEES HAVE BEEN GRANTED "PROTECTION" RATHER THAN
POLITICAL ASYLUM. (CANADA DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE "RIGHT OF
POLITICAL ASYLUM" IN EMBASSIES.) CARRIER NOTED THAT STATUS
OF REFUGEES IS A POINT OF EMBARRASSMENT FOR
CANADA SINCE, ACCORDING TO CANADIAN
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TRADITION, REFUGEES WOULD HAVE TO BE TURNED OVER TO

GOVERNMENT OF CHILE SHOULD THAT GOVERNMENT SO REQUEST. CARRIER IMPLIED THAT THIS PROBLEM MAY HAVE BEEN ONE WHICH HAS HELD UP CANADIAN RECOGNITION OF NEW GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO CARRIER, CHILEAN REFUGEES INCLUDE FORMER INFORMATION CHIEF FOR SOCIALIST PARTY AND A PROMINENT CHILEAN WOMAN TV CORRESPONDENT. CARRIER SAID CANADIANS HAVE BEEN SELECTIVE IN GRANTING "PROTECTION." OVER 400 REQUESTS FOR ASYLUM HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY CANADIAN EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO.

3. CARRIER SAID CANADA WILL TRY TO WORK OUT SOME MEANS FOR REFUGEES TO RECEIVE SAFE CONDUCT OUT OF CHILE. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER SHARP IS EXPECTED TO RAISE THIS QUESTION IN DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS AT THE UN THIS WEEK. CARRIER SAID CANADA MIGHT BE WILLING TO ALLOW ANY CHILEAN REFUGEES TEMPORARY REFUGE OF UP TO 18 HOURS IF A UN AUTHORITY WOULD BE WILLING TO ASSUME JURISDICTION OF THE REFUGEES AFTER THIS PERIOD. CARRIER SAID CHILEANS WILL BE GRANTED REFUGE IN CANADA SUBJECT TO NORMAL IMMIGRATION PROVISIONS. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT TIME REQUIREMENTS MIGHT BE WAIVED.

4. CARRIER SAID CANADIAN CHARGE IN SANTIAGO HAS MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH ALL CANADIANS BEING DETAINED BY CHILEAN AUTHORITIES.
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